

Service Date: January 22, 1999

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF the Application of)	UTILITY DIVISION
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., to)	
Restructure its Prices for Regulated)	DOCKET NO. D96.12.220
Telecommunications Service.)	ORDER NO. 5965d

INTERIM ORDER ON SETTLEMENT OF JUDICIAL REVIEW

1. On September 2, 1998, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a final order (Order No. 5965c) in the above-entitled matter. On October 1, 1998, Northwest Payphone Association (NWPAs), an intervenor in the proceeding, petitioned for judicial review, naming the PSC and U S West Communications, Inc. (USWC), as respondents.

2. NWPAs's petition, filed in Montana's First Judicial District Court, Lewis and Clark County, as Cause No. BDV-9800559, raised issues directed at USWC's public access line (PAL) rates. PAL rates directly affect NWPAs's member payphone service providers. Judicial review has proceeded through preliminary stages.

3. On January 19, 1999, USWC and NWPAs submitted for approval by the PSC an agreement settling judicial review, including proposed tariffs implementing the agreement. The agreement, its cover letter, and the tariffs are attached as Appendix A and by this reference are incorporated herein.

4. On January 20, 1999, the PSC considered the agreement and its proposed tariffs. The PSC determines that the agreement should be approved, the proposed tariffs implementing the agreement are approved on an interim basis effective for bills rendered on or after January 20, 1999, and public notice will issue to provide interested persons an opportunity to be heard.

Done and dated this 20th day of January, 1999, by a vote of 5-0.

Y ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DAVE FISHER, Chair

NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.